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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/780,807
Applicant(s) : Stefan THIEM et al.
Filed : February 9, 2001
Title : Automatic Stainer Having a Heating Station
Docket No. : 37105.0023

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.